St Freisnung, Dec. 15.—It is the fate of Oza to be beunted by republics, Ivan the errible could not sit quietly on his throne besause in Rovgored the republican spirit precalled. The Czar Alexis and the Empress Catharine II, were frightened out of their wits by republican movements of the peasantry. The Czar Alexander L sounded the alarm when the French King's throne was upset, and his lears were justifled by the great Russian conspiracy of the Decembrists, who were imbued with the French spirit of republicanism. The har-soldier Nicholas, sword in hand, rushed now to Egypt, now to Poland, now to Hungary everywhere fighting against the spirit of re publicanism. Peresiving the great moral inluence which the small republic of Switzerians exercised over European countries, he used to ixelaim in a rage. "Oh, that stormy tumbler of vator!" The late Czar repeatedly expressed car that the French republic would prove too sontagious in its influence, and he looked upon Mihilism as chiefly of French origin.

But no Czar has ever been so badly cornered

7 a republic as the present Czar, Alexander II., is. It is a solemn fact that Uncle Sam. serhaps unwittingly, has done much to revo-utionize the system of Russian husbandry, "What a grand and unique spectacle!" ex-

faimed a Russian lade who is a writer of fame "There, beyond the Atlantic, a fair, maestie woman reigns supreme. Liberty is her same. Her children, fifty millions strong, en oy complete freedom, and their prosperity be vilders the world. By happy chance this American goddess has met on her glorious way a norose, gigantic jalier keeping a hundred mil ion prisoners behind bars of iron. And what

seeing his doom!"

In this century industrial conquests are per-

And the stands of the stands o

THE TARIFF QUESTION IN CANADA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26. - In the pre-Confederation period of Canadian history the influence of English free trade doctrines was very considerable. There was not the same zeal for them, of course, as in the mother country, whose interests were and are so vitally concerned in spreading the free trade gospel; but still the weight of English authority was such that no Canadian politician of note would have dafed to connect himself with any decided advocacy of protectionist theories. Tariffs were low ranging from five and ten to fifteen per cent. the only object directly aimed at being the procuring of a sufficient public revenue; though no doubt the slight incidental protection thus secured was not objected to. Moderate as these duties were, however, there were some who would have re-duced them still further, possibly swept the greater part of them away altogether. The Trade Reviete of Toronto, for example, advo-cated this policy in an article published toward the close of the year 1865, when your Government had given notice of the annulment of the reciprocity treaty, the operation of which during a period of eleven years had largely af-fected the whole course and development of Canadian trade.

The moment, indeed, was rather a sol-

emn one for Canada in the opinion of many, though the Finance Minister of the day, Mr. (now Sir Alexander) Galt, had, in his budget speech delivered on the 29th of August of the same year, endeavoredwith fair success, I think—to show reasons why Canadians should not take an over-serious view of the situation. Well, it was at this time, as I have said, that the Trade Reciew laid before its readers the views of "an influential public man whose opinions should carry great weight in the country," to the effect that as, owing to the destructive civil war which had just been brought to a conclusion in the United States, that country would have, for a

full year—and the battle was fought squarely on the merits of the national policy. The result was that on this question fir John was abundantly sustained by the country at large. There was a slight reduction in the aimost too great majority he had obtained in the month of September, 1878, but still the verdict of the country was emphatically in favor of the principle of protection to native industry.

What was now to be done? The leading reform orators and writers had proved a thousand times over that protection was a wrong principle, a burtful principle, a delusive principle, Cohsistency plainty required that they should continue to raise their testimony against the sad defections of the times, and that they should suffer tamporary political eclipse, if need be, rather than betray a cause in which they believed. But did they do it? Alasi my narrative becomes a melancholy one from this point onward. Our gailant Reformers held a caucus, and resolved that their political fortunes were of more account than the saivation of the country or the vindication of principle. The "Canadian Bastiat" was requested to suspend his prodigious literary activity, and the lesser peas that had been for the last four or five years engaged in proving by figures that no one could question, but to which the country paid not the least heed, that a polley of protection could only work damage to all our business interests, were invited to devote themsolves to other themes. Those who had grown accustomed to feed on the free trade arguments so copiously supplied in the Globe looked in vain for their wontain of articles on foreign politics and many adversy rehash of Nimeteenth Ceatury and Contemporary rehash of Nimeteenth Cea

HALF AN HOUR OF MAGIC

The Way a Prestidigitator Mystified a Party

Luis Mionie Mabel. To altract some man to marry Her be was unable. Several men were sitting in a fashionable up-town restaurant last night smoking and talking lazily, when a small man with red, Dunndreary whiskers and sleepy-looking eyes strolled in and looked carelessly around. He was wealthy, lived at Newport, Owned a costly stable; Had within his ample cellar Wine of every label.

POETRY OF THE PERIOD.

Longboaded Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson had a daughter,

Still no Strephon came a-wooting

Lain Minnis Mabel, Who sat pining in her satin, Velvet, silk, and sable.

Mr. Johnson said: "I never

Mrs. Johnson, talking lendly,

Could have silenced Babel

"Shall I send " said Mr Johnson.

"Over by the cable, For the noble Duke of Somer-

With a billiard table; Wedded was that very winter

But, instead, his house he furnished

Christmas Bonghs.

From Baldwin's Monthly.

Sault to marry Mabel ?"

Asking wherefore no one courted Late Minnie Mabel.

Watching down the winding roadway, Luiu Minnie Mabel Saw no lover on his paifrey From the lonely gable.

suddenly rousing himself and beckoning to the new comer. "I'm one of his pupils."

"Are you going on the stage?"
"Oh, no; I simply do it for the fun of the thing. A great many New York men study sleight of hand and magic just as girls study he plane and the harp. Goldberg-he'll be over here when he gets through talking with that man-has a studio, and his pupils go there at certain hours of the day. He teaches them all a number of elementary tricks at so much a

that man—has a studio, and his pupils go there at certain hours of the day. He teaches them all a number of elementary tricks at so much a lesson, and then charges from \$20 to \$50 extra for explaining tricks that are known to fame."

"Are there many teachers of that sort?"

"Quite a number. Society men devote years of desultory study to sieight-of-hand tricks. Here he comes now."

The magician sat down with a sigh and lighted a cigar.

"I'm tired," he said presently. "I've been around to the New York Club amusing a dinner party for three hours. Besides. I devoted the whole afternoon to a juvenile birthday party in Madison avenue."

I suppose you're thorougly sick of magic?"

"Oh. no. It's the only thing I never tire of. I've been at it since I was 9 years old. It is always interesting to bamboosie people. By the way," he said to his pupil, "I played that wornout plaiter trick again at the ciub.

"That's a hoary-headed old chestnut," said the pupil reflectively.

"I know it. It's as old as a minatreljoke, and yet it always takes. The trick, he explained, is really no trick at all. After doing a number of myetilying acts, and just before the party broaks up. I take a large platter, put it in the middle of the table, and tell the party to put their hands on the plate, and the one who withdraws his hand first is to set up the wine for the party. They all rush up and put their hands on the plate, and the one who withdraws his hand first is to set up the wine for the party. They all rush up and put their hands on the plate without thinking, and then they stand around like a lot of school boys, each resoived never to let go. Meanwhile I get my coat on and go home. Sometimes they siand for an hour and sometimes for less than five minutes."

Some one spoke later on of spiritualism.

"It is the greatest fraud of the age, "said the Professor whomenty, "That and second sight are simply cloaks for magicians tricks. I don't deny that one mind has a decided influence over another card. Observe I with honesty of spiritualistic

Preparing for Pmergenetes. From the Hartgord Consense:

P. T. Barnum on Saturday executed a codfell to the will. In most a nosoble future claim of insantry directed against he will be alled to the family physican and two other well-known Bridge out ductors, one a homeopathist and the chor an allocation in the choice of the second like accountry and made each that the believed the testalor to be of sound and deposing stind and incinery.

An Awful Flight Bown a Mountain-A Five-mile Trip on a Soulder at Lightning Speed.

From Baldwin's Nonlaly.

Thou, O pine tree, sighting pinet
Give to me of thy treases fire—
Give to me, that I may weave
Garlands for the blessed ove.
These, in many an arch sud loop,
From the rafters we will droop.
Twink ling tapers there shall be.
Mid thy branches, gentle tree;
Neath the charmed mattetoe
Thou shalt see the dancers go;
Sound of fute and voil soft,
Floating to thee up aloft. Old and young shall hold thee dear, Carlands for the blessed eve.

Then the pine free bowed her head, And her fragrant transes shed;
Take them if thou will, and weave Garlands for the blessed eve.

Take them, but forbear to fright Any tender sil or sprite,
Genius of the forcet side.

That among my boughs may hide.
Harin them not, when they shall filt.
Through the wreatins which thou hast knit,
Count them not malicious spice.

The bulked dangers in their round,
Whirled on eddies of sweat sound.
He not vexed if thou shouldst hear
Minute voices, small and clear,
Airy whispers, multied laughtors,
Up among the wreatied rafters!
Harnicas spirits are they all;
Give them shelter in thy hall
Till the writer's power he broken,
Till the spring hath sent a foken.

Then the faded garlands throw
On the dwing transe, and for
Shill and high, the deal.

EDITH M. TROKAS.

From the Cucago acus.
The birds sing in the blooming trees,
Bilthely the puring brooklets flow.
The while the grateful northern breeze
Tempers the sun's too fervit glow.
Throughout the ardent, sensions day,
While all the sea of life is calin.
Fair maidten walk decolletee
Or loll beneath the spreading palm. The river, like a wanton rose.

The zephyra woo with jealous care.
Coqueties with every brezo that blowsBlushing sweet performes on the air.
The salion leaves his amorous suit,
And hads his rangtrous Chibe hark
Unto the pleadings of his lute. And let in younder fragrant bower
To love and lovers declicate.
The tarrie dove begindes the hour
Cooing to his responsive mate.
Let us, O Hyvas, combine
To harmonize the tranquil scene,
And, beath you budding buy, supin
Sing of the hills and valleys greet

God both so many ships upon the sen!
It is are the more handmen that carry treasure.
The men of war, all hannered sailantly.
The little fisher boats and barks of pleasure, that this sea of time there's and one.
That sailed without the glorious Name thereon. That sailed without the giorious Name thereon.

The winds go up and down upon the sen,
and seine they lightly class, entrenting kindly,
had waff them to the port where they would be,
and other ships they buffer, form and blindly.
The class comes down on the great cristing deep,
had on the shore the watchers stand and weep. And wed in the many wrecks within the sea;
the it is deep! Howe in fear and wonder:
He was show through above we dark to me.
Yet it is sweet to think his care is under;
that it is execute the treasure may be drawn.
Into his storehouse when the sea is gone.

From the Boston Transcript.

Chleago in December. From the Calcago News.

The deep is but the hollow of his hand

CARL STRUCKE.

From the Cornhill Magazine.

Sing and to you! No, no, with one note jarred,
The harmony of Lafe's long chord is broken;
Your words were light, and by heldt lijns were spoken
And yet the music that you loved is marred. One string, my friend, is dumb beneath your hand; Strike and it throws and ribrates at your will, Fallers upon the verge of sound, and still Falle back as stawayer shattered on the strand. Touch it is more, for you shall not regain.
The sweet lost time. Take what is left, or let.
Lite's many step to death. Let us forget.
The perfect melody we seek in value. And yet perchance come day before we die, As half in de ame we hear the night winds sweep A could our winner's when we fain would sleep, Laden with one leng solding, meaning dry; the fight far ham will waken and will rise Amove the great wave voice of mortal joint, hand will force board and injust onch lips agai Activitie markings it receive and dies. Or lineering in the summer evening glow.
Thin, which the president the crimson west but, by like some great heart that cannot rest examing a with himself by water- as they flow.

To Laura -la the Library. From the Now York Olipper.
Discuss, if you so that a to-day and read.
The verses which too leve of you'l write.
To that will be by indeed.
To think I penned these overnight. For in the silent watches of dark hours 1 think of you whose far a I do not see; And receive have lighted place grows howers. It is but for that our should think of me

Some oid furnition below may rise and wake for daing youth, and set our hearts aftense with their oid; se defense of our first the name Of the establishing, for the oil love's sake.

Thus blit for thoughts be mittal, nor fall for bring sweet blessings both in held and dark; I'll send you love notes by the mightingsle.

And you will send your answers by the ark.

1 I. SEASTOR. Transfigured. From the Lunth's Companies

We insoked her hattered hill. Her convas eld and solied. As along who event talle art our course To where the fishers torted. fo where the news of wave those with the sectors wave those with the sty and dry, learning the horizon, exastern run, white robed and fair she lay A. W. Garris.

Reyond These Chilling Winds. From the Arm Tort Macros.

the word them obtiling symbol and glocony axis showing drashis actions portal.

There is a land where he may never dies and love becomes innocratic.

A land whose light is never dimmed by shade, whose heids are ever versal.

Where intitude boardies is not a fade.

But blooms for aye, sternal.

We may not know how sweet the ballay air, it we bright and fair its flowers:
We may not how the source that each there.
Through those enchanged howers. That city's brining towers we may not see With our some critics widon. I or shall the allout worder, keeps the key That open time gates civilan.

But sometimes when adown the western sky. The thirty sinced lingers. It amin may examine never necessary. Unbocked by other tingers. And wolle they stend a mount it half ejer, some as from the inner given;
Strain (stabil) though the acure vault efer, and half revent the stay.

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Patter vil wise sternial
teache, and whose wandering feet of mine
Late those pactures Vernal
Nabor Amaza Parest

A BEAR AND SNOW BACK

Press the Philadelphia Times.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—It seldom happens that

A MATCH From Deven a mountained a Private Street, Street and Stree

The Dashlelis' Day. From the Baltimore Sun

Mr. Charles W. Dashleil was married yester-day to Mes Besset I bashleil was married yester-day to Mes Besset I bashleil of st Shelvae's Tell of county. Mt. The extended you have at Christ P. R. Lashlei Besset I bashleil in J. pastor of the church could be the Eastheil Dashleil in the Church were Mrs. Bondy Dashleil intended himse those present were Mrs. Bondy Dashleil intended himse property of the Shell of Salisbury The universe were Mrs. Son Mary V. Dashleil of Salisbury. The universe were Messes Mary V. Dashleil of Salisbury. The universe were Messes Mary V. Dashleil of Salisbury. The universe were Messes. William W. et Dushleil of New York and Mr. Regental & Dashleil of St. Michael's brother of the bride bride. Bushleil and Miss Carrie Dashleil, sisters of the bride.

PERILS OF WINTER.

Edgar Lowell of Biddeford, skating on Swan Pond-brook, fell through thin ice and was drowned. On Wedressias, Rafus Van Schnick, aged 15, and Willie-tariner, aged 12 of Amsterdam N. V., went skating on the Mehawk and were drowned. terraner, aged 12 of Amsterdam, N. Y., went skaling on the Nedmek and were drowned.

Withis playing on the ire James BocConville of Troy for Lithrough. His commander, James Dowd aged by the lithrough the help him out and both were drowned.

"Hello, fediors, look at me?" said Archie Canney of Decirester, N. H. as he pushed out on his skales. He tell headlong into an air hole and was drowned.

The Rev. Mr. Hobinson, paster of the M. E. Church, and Mr. C. H. Evans, principal of the high school disketing of the ice.

Prederick Young of Huron, Dak, went with a sled to draw his little son over the tee of James's Liste. The next duty the sied and the body of the boy were found in the bricknice. He only trace of the father was a man's had and courtlying near to.

SNAKES OUT OF SEASON.

A ratticemake that had forgotten to go into winter quarters was hilled by Judge B S Moore of Nacon, Ga., on Saturday. It had eight rattice and a button.
With standing in an open doorway. Mrs. George Wining of Saton Houge fell something cold eneirele her ankle. It was a moneanin snake. She acreamed, and then keeked it off. Whiting of Saton Rouge felt something cold energie her attice. It was a medicant ranke, site acreamed, and their kicked it off.

Robert Handy of Golind, Tex., says that white drawing water from the well, he drew up a snake coiled around the rope and further. The snake but his cheek, and used on matth he had called help to get it off.

Reading his wife screaming in the caw ward, loseph browning of beereville, the ran to her aid, and found for depining with a huge coherchead snake. At the appearance of Mr. Reading the snake crawled into a hole in the granted. He had not reades. He would like snakes and destroyed in the granted. He had not reades. He would like snakes and destroyed directly six snakes ergs.

M. S. Rood, who have cheeke frament chann in the lowest water (e.e., actived at the about after dark, and, planing a beard on the ground to elevate his head, giread his distribution of the ground to elevate his head, giread his containing he saw a rathernake coiled ready to strike for a stome of the following his makes with fear, but recovering names of, he latted the snake, which was law four bourself in shead, in the haddon a snake in his office. The snake had taken refuged a snake in his office. The snake had taken refuged a snake in his office. The snake had taken refuged a snake in his office. The snake had taken refuged a snake in his office. The snake had taken refuged a snake in his office. The snake had taken refuged in station his headquarters. When the histor discussed his vision he had not one of the sada above the snakes at the completely fasteniers. When the latter discussed his vision he tirriw a web around the make's near a snake in the snake had a discussion had not exclused his vision he tirriw a web around the make's near the snake in the history and another, and higher and higher, until it was had of its discussion released it.

SOME INTERESTING BOYELTIES.

From the Arkansau Praveller "Can you tell me when the train comes along sere!" asked a travel stanced man of an ohi fellow who at on a pile of cross ties near an Arkaness railroad.
"Yes, I recken I ken."
"But will you!" asked the traveller, after a moment's

in which he is held.

From the "contex Legacians.

Within the past few have the contin has been made to feel grateful for solidantial studies tentered to his family by special friends in the persons of Mrs. S. Mont gonery and Mrs. A. C. Bod, it whom we doff our tile and remark. "Yours trail," It is necessate say that the writer and his family are in the hidder of a hog killing pionic. "Inrinsied us by those saint ladies, and less usedoes to say we are excepted in The level has been feasting for some days on the set of good things, consisting of backlones scale risks stategage. Act, such in hy Mrs. Capt. A. C. Sch. It is very picasual, in those days win high process and legarizes the poor estor of such laxuries, to be remembered by kind friends. May the happiness of the donor always separal her liverally.

From the New Orleans Pimer Benneral.

Proof the New United Prince Process.

At the corner of Royal and Montagent streets is the sign upon a high board force. African Gerich Krasi. In a small encioned space of African Gerich Royal. In a small encioned space of the process of the sign upon a high board force. African Gerich Royal. In a small encioned space in the process of the security as most owners for the process of the process of the process of the security of the security as most survey, in the security was much survey, as to have the caravent in classes appeared and when the third his process, which the survey of a simple state of the first sound days since on loads the lighten break Joseph and sound on all of their work would a supported to the city sound days which is the state of the state of the sound days which is a second on the state of the sound days which is all could not mortal the abundant Abronous Verticals and the sound was to be made as to the sound days with the survey of the sound of the second of the sound of the second of the sound of the second of th

A Bend Bendhend.

From the Change Heraid

"What is little things will get away with a public man said a citizen of Schigar, the charday. This is a safe ago and all account for the charday. This is a safe ago and all account for a bendle He was the main of the proper what would never there is the rails as the said. He was the main of the proper when we detend a sidely adverse. When the distribution and they developed the said of the railway monopoles. From well we detend he sidely actives. When the distribution about the said that a railmad for one of them little rad to the said and the said of the control of the said in the said of the said of the control of the said in the said of the said in the said of the said in the said of the said of the said in the said of the said of